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CONDITION OF POWERLOOM INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the deteriorating condition of powerloom industry in the country particularly of Karnataka State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Karnataka Government has requested for any Central assistance for reviving and rejuvenating powerloom industry;

(d) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Government to rejuvenate the powerloom industry of the country particularly of Karnataka State;

(e) whether Government has formulated any scheme for modernisation/ upgrdation of powerloom industry; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) & (b) Powerloom industry in the country is very vibrant. There is no deterioration in the condition of the powerloom industry in the country. Instead, there has been a steady growth in the cloth production as well as the installation of the powerlooms in the decentralized powerloom sector as described below:-

Year	No. of looms registered in power loom sector (in million sq. meters)	Production in the country (in million sq. meters)	Total cloth production	Percentage of powerloom Cloth production
2001-02	1666033	25192	42034	59.93
2002-03	1692737	25954	41973	62.00
2003-04	1836856	27258	40613	67.00

There has also been a steady increase in the number of looms installed in the state of Karnataka:-

Name of state	As on	No. of units installed	No. of looms	No. of workers engaged
Karnataka	31.03.02	24433	80985	202463
	31.03.03	24574	81832	204580
	31.03.04	24579	81869	204673
	31.10.04	24579	81869	204673

(c) The State Government of Karnataka has forwarded a project proposal under the Group Workshed Scheme of this Ministry to construct worksheds with Central Government's assistance/subsidy to induct automatic looms to improve productivity, quality and

value addition.

(d), (e) & (f) The Government seeks to promote powerloom sector through the following Schemes throughout the country including the State of Karnataka:-

- Powerloom Service Centres (PSCs), established to provide various services, such as skill upgradation and testing facilities to powerloom weavers have been upgraded with modern looms, other machinery and equipment to improve the quality of services and facilitation for modernization under the Plan Scheme Modernisation and Strengthening of Powerloom Service Centres.

- To facilitate the creation of new designs, improve the designs and production in the fast changing global tradition in fashion, the computer Aided Design (CAD) Centres were set up at 17 major powerloom clusters. Government provides financial support to these Centres at a fixed rate of Rs. 6.75 lac per annum under the Plan Scheme Support To Computer Aided Design Centres.

- A Group Insurance Scheme has been implemented to provide cover to the powerloom workers against unforeseen death, accident and disability.

- With a view to improving the working environment and enable the powerloom workers in obtaining higher productivity, Government has implemented a Group Workshed Scheme. This Scheme provides subsidy for construction of worksheds limited to 25% of the unit cost of construction subject to a maximum of Rs.80/- per. sq. ft. In order to improve other infrastructure facilities the scheme envisages a link with the Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS), which provides central assistance for improving critical infrastructure in existing or emerging textile centers.

- For modernization of powerloom sector, a programme for induction of 50,000 shuttleless and for 2.50 lakh semi automatic and automatic looms in the decentralized powerloom sector has been announced. Incentives have been made available under the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) whereby the powerloom owner can reduce the cost of borrowing capital either by availing 20% Credit Linked Subsidy or by obtaining 5% interest reimbursement on the loan availed.